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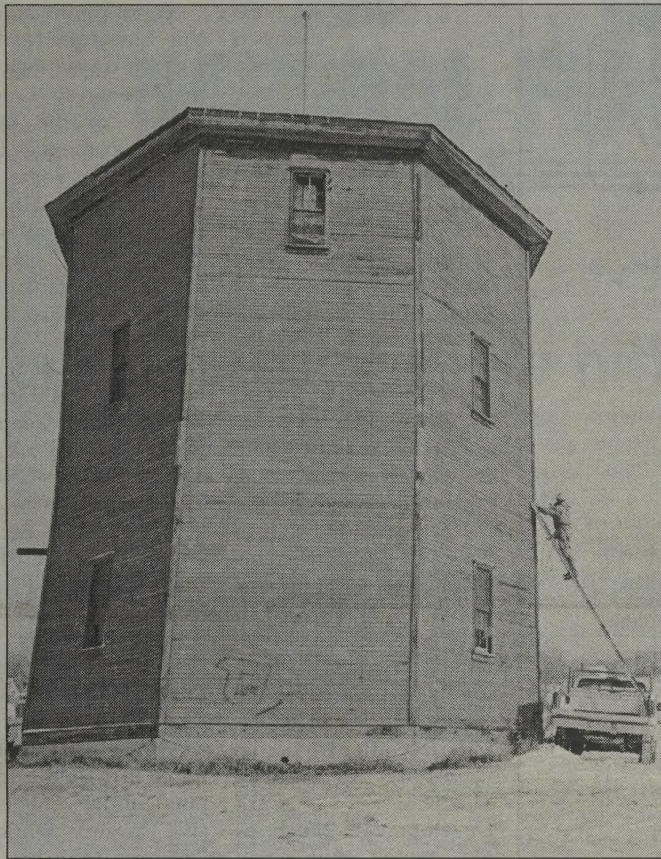
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Tuesday, February 15, 2000

Repairing the ravages of time

Restoration work underway on Heinsburg tower



SHORING UP HISTORY -- Ron Bechtold of Craftex Builders secures one of the rods which will anchor the outer structure of Heinsburg's water tower to the 40,000 gallon wooden water tank inside. The tower is undergoing a complete facelift which will straighten up the slight lean it has developed over the years and a new coat of paint will protect it from the elements. Note the ball-topped pole atop the structure, which indicated the water level in the tank below.

The grand old lady of Heinsburg is getting a facelift.

A long awaited restoration project on the community's historic railway water tower has finally gotten underway in Heinsburg, as a two-man crew from Craftex Builders Inc. of Lloydminster takes the first steps to preserve the 72-year-old structure for future generations. The facelift will remove the slight lean resulting from years of buffeting by wind and weather, and bring the handsome souvenir of earlier days back to its imposing appearance in the days when Heinsburg was a bustling community at the eastern terminus of the CNR line from Edmonton.

Ron Bechtold of Craftex spent the chilly morning last Wednesday perched high on a ladder drilling holes in the corners of the tower's outer building, through which long rods were threaded and secured to the still-sturdy water tower within, straightening and strengthening the outer structure.

The next step will be to replace decaying bottoms on some of the wall studs, and to "shore up the bottom so it has a good base," Bechtold said. "We'll bring a crane in, change some windows when we get it nicely in position, and then they'll give it a coat or two of paint." He noted that "all this should have been done a few years ago. It's a nice old building, and one of the few of its kind remaining. Fortunately, it can be fixed."

The community was well aware of the need for repairs, and replaced the shingles a few years ago in an attempt to combat further deterioration of the outer shell. Heinsburg Community Club has been working for a number of years to raise funds for the restoration, and just recently received a \$19,000 grant from the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation, which made it possible to start on the project. The water tower, one of only three left in Alberta, was designated as an historic building by Alberta Community Development's Historic Sites Service last year.

Bechtold is looking for warmer weather to speed the completion of the job. "If we get nice weather, the job will go faster." Working inside is almost colder than being out in the wind because "the building takes on the cold from the night, and by the time our heaters get the chill out, it's time to quit for the day and go home." The paint job and other finishing touches are scheduled for this spring, so the newly refurbished tower will be ready to greet this summer's visitors to the historic community.

For more on the background of the tower and the project, please see Page 2.

■ Mail on the move

New home for Post Office

Elk Point's Canada Post operations will be moving around the corner early next month, to much larger quarters which will allow them to provide more and better services to local patrons.

As of Monday, March 6, all postal products and services from their current location will be available at the new Post Office, 5018-50 Street, the former Elk Point Liquor Store.

The new building, which is currently being renovated, offers approximately two and a half times the area, an increase which is greatly needed, according to postmistress Coral Tremblay.

The new facility will have ample room for all the mailbox-

es the community requires, and while "the outdoor boxes served their purpose," Ms Tremblay feels the "people will be glad [for their mail] to be back indoors." Postal box numbers will remain the same, so there will be no change of address. However, a brand new set of boxes is being installed, and all boxholders will be issued new keys.

The larger premises will also permit Canada Post to offer a greater array of products, including their increasingly popular collector's coins. "When new products come on stream, we will be able to bring them in," Ms Tremblay noted.

The move will take place over the weekend, and service

disruptions will be kept to a minimum. "We anticipate a smooth move." Ms Tremblay is asking patrons to pick up all possible mail by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3 because at that time, all remaining mail will be removed from the boxes and taken to the new facility. "There could be some time delay before it goes in the new boxes." The Post Office will be closed Saturday, March 4, for the move.

Hours of operation will remain the same at the new facility, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturdays. The postal box lobby will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Elk Point couple wins \$588,140

Harold (Roy) and Margaret Hyatt summed up their experience in one word: "Wow!" On February 2, the happy Elk Point couple matched five numbers and the bonus playing LOTTO 6/49 to win \$588,140.30.

"Why is the amount so large?" they both asked when they claimed their prize on February 4. They were the only people who matched the five numbers and the bonus across Canada. "I can hardly believe it!" Roy exclaimed.

The morning after the draw, Roy called his local winning numbers line and wrote the draw results on a piece of paper. He then gave the paper to his wife to check their ticket, and that is how they discovered their win.

"My first thought was, 'Now I can pay off our bills!'" Margaret laughed. "This really helps us and helps our kids [three children, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren]," Roy explained. Roy has plans to purchase golf clubs and a gas golf cart. The 75-year-old winners will now be taking many vacations and playing lots of golf. The lucky ticket was purchased in St. Paul.

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Health care is the number one concern of Albertans.

You want a health system that is there when you need it.

You don't want lengthy waiting lists.

You don't want two-tiered health care.

We agree.

In November, the Alberta Government released a policy statement that supports Alberta's publicly funded health system, rejects two-tiered health care and proposes clear rules to regulate clinics performing surgeries that require an overnight stay.

Albertans have asked us:

How will this reduce waiting lists?

Emergencies and more urgent health problems can fill hospital beds. When that happens, surgeries get cancelled and waiting lists get longer. Performing some surgical procedures in clinics can avoid these delays and free operating rooms and beds for patients who need a hospital's diagnostic and intensive care resources.

Won't people be pressured to pay for extras in these clinics?

No. You don't pay now for medically necessary surgical services and you won't in the future, no matter where in Alberta the surgery is performed. It is also against the law in Alberta to charge a patient for insured services. This law will be strictly enforced and pressure to purchase unnecessary services will be prohibited. People pay for some extras now throughout the public health system - whether it's for a lightweight cast or a private room - and those options will continue.

How will clinics cover their costs?

Health authorities will decide how much they are willing to pay for surgical services. Surgical clinics will decide if that is enough for them to provide good care, cover costs and get a reasonable return on their investment. The provincial government will only approve those contracts that demonstrate a measurable benefit for the public health system.

Tell us what matters to you.

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The status quo is not an option.*

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Alberta
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Tower takes viewers back to golden age of railroads

By Robert W. Hendriks

Project Coordinator,
Historical
Committee, Heinsburg
Community Club

Charley Charcoal, along with his wife and kids, have had to vacate their home -- for a while, anyway. The Charcoals are part of a long line of grey pigeons, well-known residents in the Heinsburg CNR Water Tower. Standing proud for 78 years on the "railway flats" exactly where it was built in 1928, squeezed between the hamlet and the North Saskatchewan River, this distinctive landmark baked by summer heat and rocked by cruel winter winds is clearly showing its age. However, it's undergoing a \$40,000-plus facelift, part of the Heinsburg Railway Theme Park Development. Much of the money will come from funds raised by the Heinsburg Community Club, Heinsburg, AB, sweetened with a \$19,000 grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. Craftex Builders Inc., Lloydminster, AB, was awarded the contract in January, 2000 and have



LOOKING BACK -- Vernon "Babe" Sharkey (inset) hauled water from the water tower with this truck back in the 1950s.

begun work.

Water tanks such as this one dotted railroad right-of-ways, their purpose being to keep the tenders of the mighty steam locomotives full of clean water. Some tanks on railroad main lines held 60,000 gallons or more, whereas Heinsburg's tank, being at the end of just a short branch from Abilene Junction north of St. Paul, held only 40,000 gallons, sufficient to keep the water-sucking Consolidation (Consol) engines happy.

Heinsburg's 50 foot structure is one of only three remaining tanks surviving the decline of Alberta railroads. New Bridgen, south of Consort, and Delburne, east of Red Deer, also share this distinction but differ in that the former tank underwent extensive surgery while the Delburne tank has been moved to a new location. Being still in a good state of repair with original plumbing and the familiar metal ball showing water level still in place, the Heinsburg Water Tower was declared an historic building by Alberta's Historic Sites Service, Alberta

Community Development in 1999.

Heinsburg's tower is actually made up of two elements. If built in warmer climes, the tank would have looked like the one on Petticoat Junction, a structure open to the weather (and bathers) but the distinctive profile with the ball-on-a-pole roofline was created by the protective cedar shell built as a weather cover over the second element, the huge stave and strap water tank supported by 12 by 12 inch cedar timbers. Craftex has been realigning the leaning shell by permanently anchoring it to the robust tank structure and stubbing the wall framing now showing some rot. Among other tasks will be window restoration, a thorough cleaning both inside and out, and application of two coats of CNR colored paint. Thanks to the foresight of the Community Club, the structure was saved from further deterioration when the roof was re-shingled several years ago.

And what about the Charcoal family? Craftex Project Manager Howard Mehain and Site Supervisor Ron Bechtold think the birds should be protected, too, and have agreed to build a covered perch under the eaves, just for our feathered friends, a very kind gesture, don't you think?

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February 15 is National Flag Day

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Yes, today, Tuesday, February 15 is National Flag Day. In fact, if you happened to drive past the Elementary School this morning around 10 o'clock, you might have seen the Canadian flag being raised and many students waving their little Canadian flags as well as singing our national anthem, O Canada.

Why are we acknowledging February 15 as the National Flag Day? Why, it is because that is the day our official Canadian flag first flew in 1965.

Do you know the symbolic meaning of our national flag? ... I'll tell you in case you forgot.

The maple leaf is a national symbol of Canada. The red commemorates the blood shed by Canadians during World War I (1914-1918) and the white represents the snow.

When one thinks of what our national flag symbolizes, it creates a feeling of pride and love for our beautiful, diversified country from sea to sea. It also gives us a feeling of respect for our history and service freely given.

We have many reasons

to celebrate Canada. It is nice to recognize National Flag Day and if you have a Canadian flag

tell them why you are proud to be a Canadian.

Speaking of being proud to be a Canadian,

1. The fishing schooner "Bluenose" won several international schooner races in the 1920s and 1930s. In what Nova Scotia town was it built? And which Canadian money coinage is the Bluenose found on?

2. Canada's flag was proclaimed in 1965 by Queen Elizabeth II. How many designs did Canadians submit to a parliamentary committee review before choosing the maple leaf?

3. Who was Canada's first female astronaut?

4. What Canadian invention reaches into space from the Space Shuttle? 5. A World Heritage Site in Alberta has been named after this prehistoric species of animal.

The answers to the above questions are: 1. The "Bluenose" was built in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia and the Canadian money coinage that the "Bluenose" is found on is the Canadian dime (now, you people who are from eastern Canada and are now living in Elk Point, knew that, of course); 2. 2000 designs were submitted; 3. Roberta Bondar (January 1992); 4. The Canadarm; and 5. dinosaur (Dinosaur Provincial Park).



in our home, talk about it with your children and

can you answer these five questions?

Historical Society seeking more history

The Internet group of the Elk Point Historical Society is starting another year of projects and is looking for the community's support.

This past year, the group has completed a web site at www.elk-pointhistory.ab.ca. The site contains historical information from the two books, Reflections and Supplement to Reflections, published in 1977 and 1978 as well as new information they are gathering.

The Internet group is currently asking residents of the Elk Point region to help them collect further

information about local history, especially anything that happened after 1978. They are seeking company histories, organizational histories, or family histories that will help them add to the data they already have on the community. They also plan to put in pages that will support the use of the site by local schools and pages that encourage the use of the site by all. They hope this Internet site will be visited often by people from the local

area. If you need any information or have questions, please contact Ron Onusko at 724-3679.

The web-site has been operational for about 8 months and is constantly being improved. As well, in response to many inquiries, they are publishing in print form many writings and family reminiscences. Currently they are working on a book by Steve Andrishak, the writings of J. G. Heffernan, the recollections of F. G. Miller and

some smaller writings. These books will soon become available for purchase as well as being found on the web site.

The Internet group is looking for support in the form of yearly advertising on the web page, as well as accepting donations from individuals, organizations and corporations.

The group's goal is to make Elk Point's local heritage available to those interest in finding out about their history.

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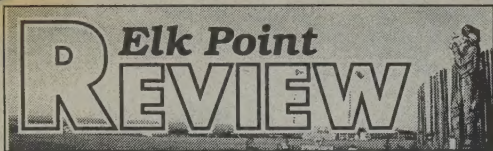
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■ From the Legislature

Midwives and other non-physicians get admitting privileges

By Paul Langevin, MLA
Lac La Biche - St. Paul

Regional health authorities and other hospital boards in Alberta have been given the ability to allow midwives and other non-physicians to admit patients to hospitals under changes to provincial regulations.

The Cabinet-approved amendments remove operational barriers preventing a range of non-physicians, including midwives, chiropractors and podiatrists, from holding privileges in hospitals.

Hospital boards and regional health authorities were given the power to grant privileges to non-physicians under changes to the Hospitals Act in 1996 but the changes were not proclaimed pending the amendments to the Operation of Approved Hospitals Regulation.

In the interim, the Council of CEO's Task Force on the Integration of Non-Physician Practitioners developed possible options to allow RHAs to integrate privileged non-physicians into hospitals to ensure quality services and cost effectiveness.

The amendments to the Hospitals Regulation allows regional health authorities and hospital boards, if they wish, to appoint a professional staff of privileged non-physicians who would be able to admit and attend patients. Costs associated with granting privileges would be covered by existing RHA budgets.

Non-physicians are required to meet the same obligations that physicians currently have under the Operation of Approved Hospitals Regulation, such as completing a patient's health records and written orders in a timely manner.

The amendments were drafted after consultation with RHAs, health professions and voluntary sector boards.

As the MLA for Lac La Biche - St. Paul Constituency, I am available to assist constituents at 645-6999 or 623-1730.

■ Tax & RRSP Tips

Answers to your RRSP questions

From Alberta's Chartered Accountants

What is an RRSP?

A registered Retired Savings Plan is a government approved plan to encourage you to save money for your retirement years. Within your personal limit, your contributions are tax deductible. You can have any number of RRSPs.

Not only do you invest some money that would otherwise be paid in income tax, but the biggest advantage is that the earnings of an RRSP are not taxed until withdrawn. This allows 100 percent of the earnings to be reinvested and compounded. This greatly increases the growth in value of your RRSP. Ideally, you make RRSP deductions in your highest income years, and get the funds out at a lower tax rate in retirement.

Who is eligible to contribute to RRSPs?

Anyone with "earned income" subject to Canadian taxation, including non-residents, may contribute to an RRSP. You can make part or all of any RRSP contributions to a plan in your spouse's name. You, as the contributor, are still entitled to the tax deduction.

For this purpose, a spouse must be of the opposite sex, and either a legal spouse or a common-law spouse with whom you have co-habitated for the last 12 months.

To maximize your long term tax savings, RRSP contributions should always go into the name of the spouse who will otherwise have the lower income in retirement.

Where can an individual get an RRSP?

RRSPs are available from banks, trust companies, credit unions, life insurance companies, investment dealers and mutual funds. You can have any number of RRSPs. There

are three basic types: deposit type plans, mutual funds, and self-directed plans.

Look for the plan that has the best return for the risk you are prepared to take. Determine if there are any fees, and take them into account in comparing the anticipated annual growth.

A chartered accountant can advise you on the tax advantages of an RRSP and the type of plan most suitable for you.

How much do RRSPs reduce your taxes?

To give you a rough idea of the tax reduction from RRSP contributions, here are three rules of thumb for 1999 RRSP deductions:

■ If your income is less than \$30,000 a \$1000 RRSP would reduce your 1999 taxes by about \$250.

■ If your income is between \$30,000 and \$59,000 a \$1000 RRSP would reduce your 1999 taxes by about \$380.

■ If your income is more than \$59,000 a \$1000 RRSP would reduce your 1999 taxes from \$420 to \$450.

Look into the amount you can save with a RRSP today.

RRSP limits

When determining how much you can contribute to RRSPs, keep in mind there is at least one more step to the calculation for members of Registered Pension and Deferred Profit Sharing Plans.

Ordinarily, your deductible contributions to RRSPs are limited to 18 percent of your prior year's earned income, to a maximum of \$13,500.

If you're a member of a Registered Pension Plan or a Deferred Profit Sharing Plan, this amount is reduced by the pension adjustment amount(s) reported on your prior year T4 slips. A pension adjustment reflects the value of the future benefit you are entitled to as a result of being a plan member

for the year. Your 1999 RRSP deduction limit will be on your 1998 Notice of Assessment.

There may be other adjustments to your RRSP deduction limit if there have been significant changes to your Registered Pension Plan coverage during the year.

Earned income and your RRSP

Your maximum RRSP deduction is based on your earned income in the previous year and unused contribution room from prior years. What is considered earned income? Common forms of earned income include income from employment, from your unincorporated business, and net rental income. Losses from these sources reduce earned income. Your earned income is increased by any taxable alimony or maintenance you receive and reduced by any deductible alimony or maintenance you pay during the year.

Earned income does not include investment income (eg. capital gains, interest and dividends) or retirement income (eg. RRIF income, old age security and Canada Pension), except certain disability pensions.

When should you make your RRSP contributions?

You can make an RRSP contribution at any time during the year. Contributions during the first 60 days of a year can be deducted for the prior year or the current year. A single contribution can be split between the two years. For the contribution to be deductible for 1999, it must be made by February 29, 2000.

The best policy is to contribute at the beginning of the calendar year, which will maximize the compounding of the earnings within the RRSP

Information for RRSP Tips is provided as a public service by the Chartered Accountants of Alberta.

■ Lakeland Reform Constituency Association

Reformers support Canadian Alliance

Leon Benoit, Reform MP for Lakeland, Alberta has expressed his personal support for the newly formed Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance. More importantly, he said, the board of the local Lakeland Reform Constituency Association unanimously supports the Canadian Alliance as a principled alternative to the governing Liberals.

"The Canadian Alliance will be the home for like-minded, small-c conservatives. The Joe Clark Party and the Liberals have abandoned the many social and fiscal conservatives that are found coast to coast in Canada. I strongly believe that

by reviewing and endorsing the policies of this new alliance, conservative minded people will join together and regain control of their government and implement the changes that are desperately needed," stated Benoit.

"As I talk with people from all over Canada, they shake their heads in bewilderment over this Liberal government that is out of touch with so many Canadians," Benoit continued.

"Canadians everywhere are struggling under an enormous tax burden, they watch in fear of the destruction of our national health care system and they are angry over the Federal

Government's mishandling and complete lack of accountability of taxpayers' money, especially in the recent HRDC scandal."

Benoit closed by stating, "I feel very positive over the debate and conclusions that the 1100 delegates arrived at in Ottawa during the United Alternative convention. The delegates that I spoke with from across the country were all very pleased with the final results. The door is open to chase the Federal Liberals out of power in the next federal election and I believe that many Canadians will support such a move. I believe that we have all found a new home."



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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA • WINTER 2000

New Century, Bold Plans for Alberta

Premier Ralph Klein's annual televised address launched clear plans to ensure Alberta's success in the new century. The Premier zeroed in on five key areas for the province:

- **Health Care:** Significant funding increases and innovative new programs will ensure access to quality, **publicly-funded health care** for all Albertans.
- **The Economy:** The province will continue to diversify its economy and create new jobs. A new economic strategy for the province will create jobs, encourage innovation and result in a **brain gain** for Alberta.
- **Education:** Education funding will **increase by 18%** over the next three years. The government's response to the Children's Forum recommendations will ensure that young Albertans have a healthy start and are ready to learn when they reach school.
- **Taxation:** Changes to Alberta's tax system will mean an **average 15% tax cut** for everyone, and no provincial taxes for low income Albertans.
- **Agriculture:** An Agriculture Summit will be held this spring so Albertans can talk about the long-term viability of the province's farm economy. The Alberta Government is committed to working with Alberta farmers facing low world commodity prices, poor weather and rising input costs. Safety nets for farmers in trouble and support for new products and markets are also on the agenda.

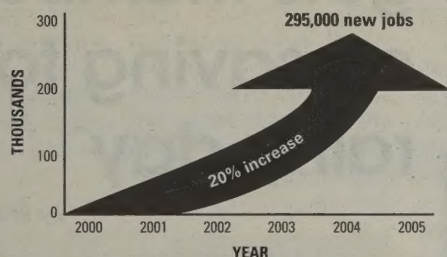
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For a full copy of the Premier's address, call the toll free Alberta Connects comment line at 310-4455. To obtain the text of the address or to view an audio video version of the address on the Internet, go to www.gov.ab.ca/premier/address2000

Alberta's Economic Strategy Focuses on Jobs, Innovation

Alberta's new economic strategy, *Get Ready Alberta*, will give Alberta the tools it needs to succeed in the global marketplace. The plan's five-year goals include:

- creating **295,000 new jobs** by the year 2005;
- expanding on the province's knowledge-based economy;
- developing Alberta's reputation as a centre for scientists, researchers and highly skilled workers;
- giving all Albertans the opportunities they need to learn, adapt and develop new skills;
- enhancing opportunities for Alberta's children and youth;
- building on Alberta's international reputation as a good place to invest and do business; and
- ensuring that Albertans continue to enjoy the best quality of life in Canada.



More information about the strategy is available on the Internet at www.alberta-canada.com/getready by calling (780) 427-0670 (for toll free access, dial 310-0000); or by writing to Alberta Economic Development, Corporate Communications, 6th floor Commerce Place, 10155 - 102 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 4L6.

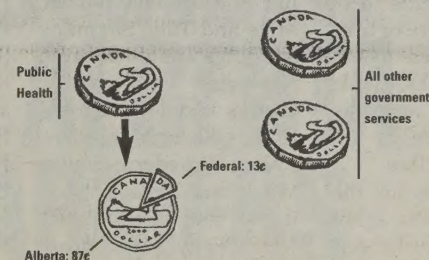
Alberta's Six Point Health Care Plan

The Alberta Government's six point plan for health clearly underlines the high priority Albertans place on effective and quality public health care services. The plan includes:

- 1 **\$1 billion in new funding** over the next three years to hire more doctors and nurses, shorten waiting lists, open more long term care beds and expand home care services
- 2 a new \$10 million **Health Innovation Fund** and a Health Services Utilization Commission to improve health system management
- 3 expanded telehealth services, **more high tech equipment** and community-based pilot projects to improve primary care and the quality of health services
- 4 increased health promotion and disease and accident prevention, including a **five year immunization strategy** and **better cancer screening programs**
- 5 a special **Premier's Advisory Council on Health** to foster new ideas and give advice on health care reform
- 6 clear legislation to **protect** Alberta's publicly-funded and publicly-administered health system and **prevent** a parallel, private health system from developing

The Facts on Health Care

- **One out of every three dollars** the Alberta Government spends on programs goes to public health care.



- For every dollar spent on health care in Alberta, the province **contributes 87 cents** while the federal government pays **less than 13 cents**.

For more information on the Alberta Government's six point plan for health care, call (780) 427-7164 (or call 310-0000 for toll free access). The plan is also available on the Internet at www.health.gov.ab.ca

Tax Relief Puts \$600 Million Back in Albertan's Pockets

The Alberta Government is taking firm action on tax reform to make sure Alberta has the most competitive tax regime in Canada. Alberta's tax plan, when fully in place, will put more than **\$600 million back into the pockets of Albertans** each year. That means:

- **No 8% surtax** on incomes over \$46,000, as of January 1, 2000;
- The **provincial tax** on income will be **11%** for all Albertans, as of January 1, 2001;
- **Increased personal and spousal exemptions** increased, as of January 1, 2001;

- **An averaged tax break** of 15% for all Albertans; and
- **No provincial taxes** for some 132,000 lower income Albertans.

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Community NEWS

Drug Prevention poster artists receive awards



POSTER ARTISTS -- A total of 67 Grade 4 and 5 students from Elk Point Elementary School competed in the Elk Point OORP and Elks Drug Prevention Poster Contest, with the encouragement of their teachers, Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Capjack-Hugo. All participants received a toonie. Three winners (photo at left) who received prize cheques from OORP representative Mary Kinjerski were (left to right) Lisa Kozicky, first; Alyssa Beardy, whose second prize was accepted by her sister Erin, and Megan Millar, third.

Palliative Care has great news, thanks to many donors

Elk Point Palliative Care has great news, due to all the generous donors. They will be assisting the Hospital Auxiliary with one half of the cost of an additional Pressure Relief Mattress. These mattresses enable bedridden patients to be free or almost free of troublesome bedsores.

Thanks, thanks, thanks for all present and past donations to the "Christmas Tree of Hope." Once again this year, the tree was aglow with lights from the generous people who donated a total of \$760, as this list reflects:

In Memory of:
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from Leona Moneta and family; Harry (Dad) and Alex (Uncle) Blacklock (twins) from Grace and Bobby Kinjerski and family; Bruce Smith from Allen and Lucille Smith; George Deschamps from Theresa McNamara; Bill Paquette from Loretta Paquette; Richard Kidner (Dad) from Anna Kidner; Kate Swanton from James and Colette Oster; Ronald Flanders from Gladys Flanders; Herman E. Laforce and John Friesen from Marguerite, Dave, Michelle and Valerie Friesen; Grace Dilts from John and Anna Robertson; Lloyd

Lampert and Grace Harasyn from Donna Kondro; Elizabeth Young from Ted and Marilyn Quinney; Ed (son) and Mike (husband) Buksa from Tashka Buksa; Nancy Heinemann from Carl Heinemann; Dennis Berg from Howard and Ann Berg; Henry and Florence Lorenson and Nick Pelech from Stella and Milton Lorenson.

Special Thoughts for: All the folks and caregivers at Parkview from Phyllis Scott; Mike Trach from Helen Trach; Helen Pankiw and Bill Pankiw from Hazel Hannah; Mike Trach from Mike

and Elsie Oryschuk; Mike Trach from Florence and Orest Drobot and family; Roseanne Dutchak and family from Val and Willie Poitras; Helen Pelech and all the residents at Parkview from Stella and Milton Lorenson; Yolande LaForce from Marguerite, Dave, Michelle and

Valerie Friesen; and all those we pray for from Ted and Marilyn Quinney.

Season's Greetings from:

Dr. Sandy Koe, John Kulig and John Andrew; Elk Point Truss Ltd., the Heinemann family; and Kandus Efford of K&N Liquor Store.

School division gets thumbs up on saving for a rainy day

By Rhonda Noyce
 Staff Writer

The local school division has been given a verbal thumbs up to hold on to \$500,000 of their debt reduction grant for a rainy day.

As part of the province wide plan to wipe out school board deficits, St. Paul Regional School Division received almost \$900,000 in a one-time grant last year. But student enrolment is lower than expected this year and predicted to be even lower next year - 179 fewer students total than projected in May, 1999. This means about \$5,000 in revenue loss.

The board needs to have its proposals in on how it will spend the remainder of the money by Feb. 18.

Old school sites to be recognized

The regional division has estimated that there are around 200 old school sites within their jurisdiction if they decide to erect plaques as suggested earlier by Trustee Peter Karbaszewski.

The Municipal districts of Wainwright, Camrose and Provost have put up some sort of plaques at their old school sites. So the local board is sending a letter to the Counties of Two Hills and St. Paul to see if they could help coordinate the project.

Trustee Ray Danyluk also suggested getting support from individual communities that are interested in preserving their heritage. In fact, the Elk Point School Council already sounded very excited about the venture.

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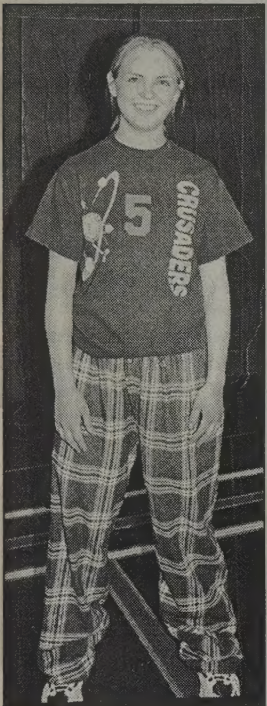
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Handball team to attend Winter Games



READY TO TAKE ON THE PROVINCE at the Alberta Winter Games are the members of F. G. Miller High School's Team Handball squad: (front, left to right) Jennifer Kalynchuk, Jaylynn Wirsta, Terina Nixon, Lacy Smith, (centre row, left to right) Alyssa Fry, Brandi Becker, Joanne deMoissac, Carlen Mutch and their coach (back row, left) Tori Warawa and chaperone Kristin Oszust. The team leaves Thursday for Strathcona County, where the Alberta Winter Games take place this weekend.

The best of luck as you go for the gold, ladies!



CRUSADERS GOALIE - is poised for a winning weekend.

Crusaders are cruising

By One of the Crew
F.G. Miller Jr. - Sr. High

There has been some exciting Crusaders news to report from F. G. Miller. The courts have favoured the Crusaders and there have been Crusaders sleuthing the archives.

First year coach, Grade

12 student and senior basketball player Mike Fry has his Junior High Boys basketball team racking up wins. In the past two weeks, Mike's players have broken the 100 point mark on the scoreboard, not once but twice. The team played Ashmont on the 8th and

were victorious. F. G. staff and students are very proud of Mike and his players.

Three Crusaders were digging up memorabilia from the 1960s for a scavenger hunt. Mrs. Bishop organized the scavenger hunt to promote school spirit and to celebrate a fellow staff member's 40th birthday. John Sparks, Amanda Zapesocki and Christina Dearden were the top Crusaders. They found records, receipts, pictures, coins and 40 other items. The trio enjoyed the 'sweet' victory prize. All the participants enjoyed the week-long event.



JUNIOR BOYS CRUSADERS PRESENTED A STRONG DEFENCE as they took on Two Hills last Thursday.

R.E.Beattie a remarkable man

By Leanne Wilson
Student Journalist

"Those who succeed are invariably those who have a thirst for knowledge, go out and secure their knowledge in one way or another, and then put it to work. A specific, concrete and definite aim in life may be attained step by step until the final milestone is reached, not by doing as one pleases, but in doing as one chooses."

- R. E. Beattie, B.A. (Excerpt from Principal's Message, Wapiti Yearbook, 1967)

A principal, an educator, a mentor, a community member, Mr. Robert Elmer Beattie was a remarkable man dedicated to his students and community. Born October 15, 1904 in Owen Sound, Ontario, he first held

teaching positions in Ranfurly, Alberta (1937-1939) and Lomond, Alberta (1940-1941). In 1941, Mr. Beattie began teaching in Elk Point and eventually became principal of F. G. Miller High School. A very knowledgeable man, Mr. Beattie taught a range of subjects, including English, history, French, social studies and chemistry. For 26 years, R. E. Beattie devoted endless time and energy to his school and students until his retirement in 1967. Two years later, in May of 1969, at a meeting of the Elk Point Home and School Association, Dr. F. G. Miller presented a plaque dedicating the school library to Mr. R. E. Beattie.

After his retirement,

Mr. Beattie and his wife remained in Elk Point. He enjoyed playing golf and was an active member of the community until his death on July 28, 1991. In November of 1997, due to modernization, the school library was moved to its present location. Then on June 5, 1998 the library was re-dedicated to Mr. R. E. Beattie, who was represented by his wife, Mrs. Neva Beattie, in honor of his past commitment to F. G. Miller High School. The library will be a lasting memorial to future generations of R. E. Beattie's contributions and dedication to our school and community.

I would like to thank Mrs. Denise Bjorkman for providing the information for this article.

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Community NEWS

County interested in purchasing railway

Abandonment could open up opportunities

By Rhonda Noyce
Staff Writer

The County of St. Paul No. 19 already had a letter on file stating it was interested in purchasing the railway should it happen to be abandoned.

Now that Central Western Railway has made the official announcement of the line's abandonment, the County is reaffirming its position.

The County already has experience in purchasing abandoned railways. They paid around \$125,000 for the stretch between Elk Point and

Heinsburg which also included a valuable gravel pit.

Today, that stretch of property has become a multi-use recreational trail known as the Iron Horse Trail.

"The traffic it decreased on adjoining land is astronomical," said Councillor Ray Danyluk.

His counterpart, Frank Sloan, was a little more skeptical about the possible purchase of the newly abandoned stretch. Money was his main concern.

However, the other councillors discussed the possible support from the recreation groups in the area, such as the Alberta Snowmobile Association. The Riverland Recreational Trail Society is also interested in finding a route through the county in hopes of divert-

ing the Trans Canada Trail in this direction.

"We will express our interest to purchase the properties within the county and the towns. We also have to see what the people want," said Reeve Robert Bouchard.

In other County news...

Highway 881 extension

George Smyl is petitioning the region's municipalities to extend Secondary Highway 881 in order to make a direct route to Fort McMurray.

County council reviewed Smyl's letter of request for support at last week's meeting. Right now there is a gap in the road between Conklin and just north of where 881 meets up with Highway 55.

Smyl said filling this

40-mile gap would cut the travel time between Fort McMurray and St. Paul by two hours, and this could only mean good business for the local community and economy.

The County of St. Paul already made plans to meet with Lakeland County on other issues, so Highway 881 will also be on their agenda.

GST review

The GST hounds are on the loose.

The County of St. Paul has given the nod to Luckett Wenman and Associates to complete a review of their GST expenses.

The last time the County had their records reviewed back in 1994, the GST hounds sniffed out \$70,000 in excess GST payments. The County doesn't have to pay for

this service, but the Luckett Wenman and Associates get to keep 50 per cent of the extra money found.

Apparently this overpayment in GST is a common occurrence because this company alone has conducted reviews for over 200 municipalities in Alberta.

The GST hounds also sniff out over-paid and recoverable provincial commodity taxes, as well as overpayments to suppliers or reductions in WCB premiums.

More 2000 grants

The Municipal 2000 Sponsorship Program has come up with two more grants over top of the other grants already handed out to municipalities across the province.

One is in the form of funding for fire and dis-

aster services training while the other is for rural road studies.

Minister of Municipal Affairs, Walter Paszkowski sent two letters to the County outlining these programs.

The County has to apply for the fire protection master planning training and the disaster services training courses by March 8, 2000 and the training must be completed by March 31, 2001.

Dennis Bergheim said he would work with the Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point in setting up the training programs.

The study for rural roads includes a total of \$40,000 grant that will help the County prepare a five year plan on major local roads, other local roads and bridges within the municipality. The work must be completed by March 31, 2001.

Pioneer Circle bingo

February 7, 2000

Lena Stepa \$30, Dan Demchuk \$15, Pauline Chomlak \$30, Kathy Zarowny \$15, Betsy Dion \$30, Ken Orr \$30, Bev Bepalko \$31, Lucy Smereka \$23, Nellie Nelson \$38, Bill Chomlak \$15, Sophie Stamp \$45, Betsy Dion \$30, Theresa Gadwa \$8, Rebecca Dion \$16, Christina Desjarlais \$30, Debbie Orr \$63, Dan Demchuk \$45, Alma Twarog \$8, Alice Drielick \$30, Olga Ruzyski \$20, Mary Bepalko \$50, Bernice Bykowsky \$63, Dina Leaf \$23, Olga Melnyk \$23, Barbara Roy \$23, Mildred Boyko \$23, Kathy Zarowny \$23.

■ Agriculture news

Weed resistance education and action plan

Herbicide resistant weeds are in the spot light this winter as a new initiative seeks to raise the awareness of producers to resistant weeds. The Weed Resistance Education and Action Program (WREAP) is a joint provincial government, federal government, industry initiative that is suggesting taking one small step towards delaying the selection for

resistant weeds.

"Resistant weeds are increasing in the province because of the repeated use of the same herbicide groups," says Linda Hall, research scientist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton. "By using the same type of herbicide, susceptible weeds are removed and rare resistant weeds are allowed to produce seed. The result

is a slow change in weed populations to one that is uncontrolled by some herbicides."

In the province, seven weeds have been selected for herbicide resistance: wild oat, green foxtail (or wild millet), cleavers, kochia, Russian thistle, spiny annual sow-thistle and chickweed.

"Some herbicides are more prone to selecting for herbicide resistant weeds than others," adds Hall. "Producers are cautioned to be most careful with the Group 1 and Group 2 products. These effective and popular herbicides have a track record. Other products are much less prone to select for resistance,

including Roundup and other products containing glyphosate and Group 4 herbicides, like 2,4-D, MCPA, Attain and Lontrel."

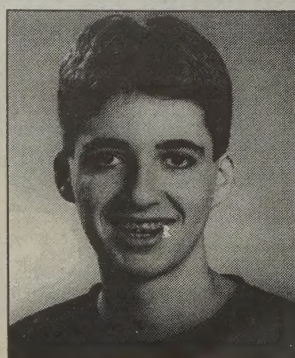
There are some management practices that are effective in delaying resistance. Rotate crops and herbicides by group and use herbicide mixtures. Use herbicides at varying times during the year. Practice integrated weed management. Use clean seed of competitive varieties. Increase seedling rates to increase competition with weeds and use appropriate fertilization. Placing the fertilizer with the crop can give the crop the jump on weeds.

"Probably the most

important management practice producers can exercise is to scout their fields to find resistant weeds early," says Hall. "Resistant weeds will be apparent two to three weeks after herbicide application. They are usually irregular shaped patches. They are uncontrolled while weeds around them are controlled. If you see resistant weed patches, stop them before they go to seed. If you have suspect seed, Alberta Agriculture can test for herbicide resistance."

For more information or if you suspect a problem, see your local Alberta Agriculture crop specialist.

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what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Perfect weather to curl up with a good book

By Daphne Schnurer
Librarian

It sounds like the cold weather is here to stay for awhile, so this is the perfect opportunity to curl up with a good book. We have many new titles in this week, and some of them include a great new selection of historical romances for some lighter reading. Two great new magazines are just in - **Prevention**, which in this

issue covers "Healing Herbs - 200 natural cures that work" and **Quick Cooking** which is jammed full of new recipes with no advertising. Imagine a magazine with no advertisements - now, if we could only have that on TV!

New Board members

At the present, we have four board members, which at times

makes it difficult to have a quorum. If you have some time to spare or if you are interested in helping out the library as a member of the board, just submit a letter to the Town. We meet the second Tuesday of every month except during the summer and would be pleased to welcome some new members. This is a great way to serve your community and to meet new people.

Special Thank You's

Once again, thank you to Anna Mae Warren and Lena Stepa for always pitching in and helping out while I am away. Also welcome and thank you to our newest volunteer, Amelia Jasinsky, who is already proving to be indispensable.

Storytime

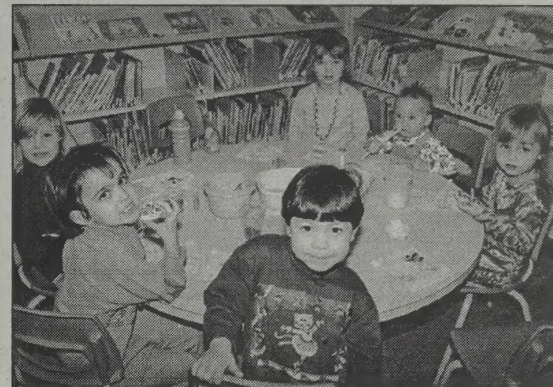
Our next special storytime will be none other

than St. Patrick's Day, so don't forget to wear green that morning.

Library Calendar Our Next Storytime -

February 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Seniors Tea - March 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Special St. Patrick's Day Storytime - March 17



VALENTINE COOKIE DECORATORS found their efforts at the Library's Valentine's Day Storytime party looked good enough to eat!

Year of progress at the Library

It's been a year of progress at Elk Point Public Library, which became part of the new Alberta Library and hooked on to the Alberta Public Libraries Electronic Network during 1999. The Library's board looked back on a busy and productive year at their annual meeting last week.

Board chairperson Connie Olstad reviewed a year which saw Daphne Schnurer take over the librarian's post from Karina Mitchell, whose husband had been transferred to Calgary. She expressed a hope that Mrs. Schnurer will enjoy the challenges ahead, challenges which include coping with increased operational expenses at a time when there have been no corresponding increases in government funding for libraries.

Fortunately, Elk Point Public Library has a very committed and active Friends organization, who not only donated \$11,000 toward the library's needs in 1999, they recently presented the board with another \$10,500 from their bingo proceeds to go toward new library materials. "If you use the library and would like us to be able to continue to build our collection, remember where the money goes when someone from the Friends phones you to work a bingo," Mrs. Olstad said. Thanks to the Friends, the Board was able to avoid the year-end deficit they had reluctantly predicted in their 1999 budget.

Elk Point's Friends group is not large, and would sincerely welcome newcomers to their ranks, so members could take turns working at bingos. If the group were large enough, it would only be necessary to work at one or two bingos per year, Mrs. Olstad said.

The Library Board is also a small group, currently numbering just four, but they are "dedicated to pro-

viding residents with the best library possible," Mrs. Olstad said. "I would like to encourage anyone who loves books to ask how they can get more involved in the library," either as a board member, friend or library volunteer. With Mrs. Olstad on the current board are Town Council representative Mae Hendrickson, Monica Berry and Jerome Clavelle.

Two new members just joined the library's rank of volunteers, librarian Daphne Schnurer noted in her annual report. Amelia Jasinsky and Romalyn Adducul have joined Anna Mae Warren and Lena Stepa, who have been devoted volunteers for many years and who are a great asset to the library.

Mrs. Schnurer reported on a new program which started a few months ago at the library. They are now hosting a monthly Seniors Tea, with from six to 15 ladies in attendance at the three held to date. The next Tea is scheduled for March 7.

Storytime continues to be popular, with special events for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and other holidays. The Summer Reading Program, with Carlen Mutch as coordinator, was a big success again in 1999.

The library is hoping to attract more teens with the addition of a Teen Corner, featuring a brand new collection of teen books just received from Northern Lights Library System, and

Mrs. Schnurer also noted that many teens are using the library and its computers for research.

The year's statistics show that while memberships and circulation were both down somewhat in 1999, there has been an increase in the number of reference questions and a tremendous increase in the number of inter-library loans, both those going out to other libraries and those coming in for the use of Elk Point patrons. The library's program room has held approximately 40 meetings during the year, in addition to its use for Summer Reading Program, Storytime parties and class visits.

The Internet hookup is proving popular, with 297.75 hours logged in 1999.

United Church news

THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 20: The service will be based on Isaiah 43:18-25; Psalm 41; 2 Cor. 1:18-22; and Mark 2: 1-12. This gospel reading recounts the story of Jesus being confronted by a man who had faith that Jesus could cure him. Jesus saw his faith and said to him, "Your sins are forgiven." Some of the people watching were shocked, thinking he had no right to say this, that only God had the power to forgive sins. Jesus said to them, "Why do you have thoughts like these? Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven or to cure him?'" Then Jesus cured him and they were all astounded.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Try to read the Bible. It is not such a great puzzle as it seems. It is not one book. In fact it is a library of 66 books. In part it can be looked at as a history of religion and allows you to see how religion has evolved through time and is still evolving. Instead of starting at the front and plowing through all 66 books try starting at the back. Read 1 Peter which is a good short discussion of the meaning of Christianity. Then go to whatever interests you.

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Peewee Avalanche: a courageous 10-8 win over big Mannville team in Provincial playoff series

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Review Sports

Before the game on Saturday, the word on the street was that Elk Point Peewee Avalanche wouldn't even get a second game with these guys. The rumor was that they were so big and intimidating that the Avalanche would take one look, turn and run the other way.

With butterflies in their guts, the Avalanche took to the ice on Saturday, the Avalanche quite obviously much smaller than Mannville, and when Mannville scored only 22 seconds into the game on a blistering slapshot by one of Mannville's towering defencemen on their first shot on goal, things did look a little scary, but contrary to the rumor, the Avalanche did not put their tail between their legs, turn and run.

What did they do? Forechecking aggressively, one of the bruise brothers, Ryan Ockerman, scored less than a minute later, tying the game. The bruise brothers, Ryan and Darcy Ockerman

have never been intimidated by size, older brother Darcy scoring two in the third period, and assisting on two more by team captain Jason Kalynchuk. Lee Letestu scored the other goal. Zack MacKinnon had some solid checks and three assists, the Avalanche winning the first game 6 to 3, sending them back to Mannville Sunday night.

Defencemen Brandon Holthe and Greg Kozicky played one of their finest games of the season, carrying the puck out of the Avalanche end.

Sunday night in Mannville the Avalanche lost the game 5 to 4, but still won the series 10 to 8. The next round, starting soon, the Avalanche will be meeting Lac La Biche or Marwayne.

Mike Marianchuk, Dylan Loughran, Bradley Yarmuch with hat tricks, Brendan Bishop, Quillan Lowry, Brandon Rainey and Harrison Maas with singles, the Micro Novice Tornados won 13 to 6 over Mannville at home Saturday morning. A great defensive game for B. J. Bailey, Myles

Yarmuch and Brandon Joice.

It must have been the Mannville vs. Elk Point weekend. The Midget Thunder were in Mannville's tournament where they met some real tough competition, playing against Mannville, Vermilion and Sedgewick, losing all three games, but the effort was better than last weekend. Coming up right after the Family Day Weekend, the Thunder will be meeting Mallaig in provincial round robin. The winner of that series goes to the Big Show.

The Dewberry Bantam Colts defeated Redwater in Redwater on Saturday 6 to 5 to win the first game of the two game, total point provincial round robin series. Helping with the cause, Elk Point's Kevin Moneta with a goal and an assist. The second game will be this coming weekend in Dewberry.

The Atom Avalanche played in St. Paul's tournament, easily winning all three games in the round robin, but losing out in the "A" final against Smoky Lake.

Lloydminster peewee girls were in town Friday night to meet our Peewee Girls Cyclones in the second game of the home and home series, and even though the Cyclones lost, they were never outplayed. Kyrie Loughran and Krysten Ballas scoring. It was easier on Saturday when the Cyclones defeated Viking 10 to 0. Karly Shankowski and Brett Hahn scoring two each, Tawnee Lacombe with a single and Kristen Campbell with her fourth shutout. On Sunday the Cyclones travelled to Consort for an exhibition game, winning 11 to 2, Brittany Ballas with two and Ashley Hebblethwaite banging in seven.

A big Happy Birthday goes out today to the Midget Girls Storm coach, Jacques deMoissac, who has a lot of patience and has done a lot with the girls this year, teaching them hockey skills and strategy. The girls have come a long way, usually playing with only seven or eight skaters, but on Sunday, it wasn't the Storm, it was St. Paul, phoning to say

they were too short of players to come and play. How many is too short? We can play with seven skaters, they usually have three lines.

Before the season starts, a lot of Junior A clubs will have what they call the black and white game, to evaluate their young prospects. The scouts love it. The Novice Hurricanes didn't have a team to play on Saturday, with Mannville not showing at the last minute, so coach Gary Marceniuk pulled up some young players from the Micro Novice team, split the teams into two squads and had a scrimmage, a black and white game, with regulation rules and referees. And a couple of scouts were noticed watching the game. Do you think Gary may have started something? Maybe all the teams should have a prospects game?

Help Wanted:
Volunteers from the community are needed to help with Midget B Female Provincials, for the concession, on the door, time clock and penalty boxes, and 50/50

salespersons. Elk Point Minor Hockey will be hosting the Midget Female Provincials on March 9, 10, 11 and 12 with a new format this year. Instead of the normal eight teams, now 10 teams will be coming to Elk Point, seven zones, the host, along with one team from Edmonton and one team from Calgary. It's a big undertaking to host a provincial, and everyone from the community benefits when we do host a provincial tournament, therefore we are hoping to get some help in return. You can contact myself at 724-4375 or 724-4067, if you can lend a hand. Tonight there's a very important Minor Hockey meeting with the regular monthly business and the provincial tournament is the main topic. Everyone is welcome and each team is expected to send at least one representative. The meeting will be kept short, because right after the meeting you can stay and watch our Senior Elks take on Onion Lake in the first round of playoffs. The teams are tied at one win each. Go, Elks, go!

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Elks, Onion Lake sit at one win apiece in series

Third game tonight at 8:15

Elk Point Elks and the Onion Lake Eagles sit at one game apiece going into the third game of their best-of-five Sask Alta playoff series.

Onion Lake, the only "Sask" team currently in the SaskAlta league, came to town Friday night and took on the Elks before an excellent weekend crowd. The teams looked quite evenly matched for the first 15 minutes of play, with both exhibiting some fine defensive hockey.

Onion Lake was first to hit the scoreboard with exactly five minutes left in the period, and were so pleased to see their goal up there that they added two more before the end of the period.

The Eagles stuck like glue to their Elks counterparts, keeping them well away from the Onion

Lake net, even when the home team had a two man advantage. Onion Lake scored the only second period goal, with two Elks in the penalty box.

The Elks hit the scoreboard just over four minutes into the final period, Tyson Stafford scoring off a pass by Ted Genereux on a power play. Onion Lake was not long in replying with a power play goal of their own to regain the four goal lead.

Stafford delighted downhearted Elks fans with an unassisted short-handed goal with 8:51 to go in the game, while Mike Boratynec took the best of a two-man advantage to score the Elks' third goal three minutes later, assisted by Genereux.

Onion Lake cranked up their defense another notch and kept the Elks

clear of the net for the balance of the game, scoring another goal in the process for a final score of 6-3.

Sunday's game in Onion Lake was a complete turnaround, as Curtis Porcina coached the Elks to a 5-3 win. The Elks were down to two lines of players from Friday's full house, but took advantage of every opportunity to penetrate Onion Lake's strong offense. Tyson Stafford sent in four goals, including one into an empty net, while Ted Genereux scored the remaining goal. Dale Fleming was excellent in the Elks net, repelling 49 of 52 shots.

The third game of the series goes tonight at 8:15 p.m. in Elk Point, so make sure you're there to enjoy some excellent hockey action.

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Dated this 15th day of Feb., A.D., 2000 Myron J. Goyan, Development Officer